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COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Before The
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
Replacement of Part 90 by Part)
88 to Revise the Private Land) PR Docket No. 92-235
Mobile Radio Service and)
Modifying the Policies Governing)
Them.)

To: The Commission

Comments of the

NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE

The NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE hereby submits the following comments
in response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket No. 92-235,
released by the Commission on November 6, 1992.

The NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE works closely with
the U.S. Forest Service, other state agencies and local
fire departments in the area of fire protection in
Nebraska.

We are greatly concerned that the proposed rule changes will severely degrade
fire protection communications in our state. The new proposal would require our
state fire protection force, predominantly volunteer fire departments, to buy all
new radio equipment. These departments operate with very small budgets upon
which lids have been placed by state statute.

Our frequency coordinator, the FCCA, is small enough to be manageable and at
the same time effective. We do not support the multiple coordinator proposal.

I urge you not to make the changes proposed because of the negative impact
they will have on fire protection in Nebraska and other states as well.

Respectfully submitted,

NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE

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